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SUBJECT: SITREP 01, AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD: EXPLOSION AT
MARRIOTT

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b), (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Post reports major explosion at 2000 hours (local time) at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Islamabad. A car bomb reportedly rammed the front gate of the Marriott, setting fire to the hotel. The lobby leading into the reception area was destroyed and multiple fires continue on several floors.

[1](#)2. (C) One ODRP individual is deceased. Official Americans are injured and being treated on the Embassy Compound Medical Unit and at local hospitals. Post is still accounting for all official personnel now. Four ODRP personnel are listed as injured; two are in local hospitals and two are being treated at the Embassy medical unit. Two Regional Affairs TDY Officers (RAO), staying on the upper floors of the hotel, are still missing. Media reports at least 15 people trapped in the hotel. The building's structural integrity has been compromised, according to media reports.

[1](#)3. (C) As of 2040 hours, unconfirmed reports indicated 40 unidentified individuals had been killed, and an indeterminate number of unidentified individuals were injured, including unspecified foreigners. Media report the injured were being taken to the Polyclinic and Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences Hospitals.

[1](#)4. (C) The Danish Embassy reports that one Danish official is missing and another injured.

[1](#)5. (C) Consulate Peshawar reports all official personnel are accounted for. The Consul General is moving TDY personnel out of the Pearl Continental Hotel into residences and proceeding to lock down.

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